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It is a person’s right to think independently, which is why beliefs in opposition to common values should not be illegal. People are allowed to have whatever beliefs they want as long as it does not harm anyone. It is not up to other people to judge whether that belief is right or wrong, and making an illegal belief is completely against what America is all about. An example could be World War II. They made it illegal to have certain beliefs and they killed people for that. Look how that turned out for them. If nobody can think against the crowd then everyone is just blindly following whatever told have been told is right without even questioning it, and that can be dangerous. Everybody is different and each person has right to believe what they want to believe because no one can say what is real because they are just beliefs. We don’t see these things yet one believes, and that is what’s more important. If one can see something or one can touch something that is not a belief, then it is knowledge. Every human is free and can believe in whatever their hearts desire. No one is sure whether the beliefs in life are good or real. Maybe someone that has another belief is right. For everyone, this is true and this is real. Does everyone believe in the same things? No, and that is what is so great about society and diversity. Without diversity, the world would be way too plain to live in. There is diversity in everything we do. Whether it is race, height, or weight, everyone is different in their own way and it is a good thing. In general, punishing a person for what they believe in is outrageous and it should never happen. It is someone else's personal opinion, not the government’s opinion. A person is entitled to their own opinion or beliefs, especially in the United States, as we have the freedom of speech. Someone should never try changing another person's mind no matter what and the government should not be able to tell someone what to believe and what not to believe, though things like that can even happen today. In a way, “illegal” means that one could get arrested for basically believing in something other than what everyone else believes, which seems absolutely ridiculous. Here in America everyone takes pride in their freedom and rights. Everyone has the right to free speech and the right to practice their religions. The government is not a dictatorship that can control what one thinks or wants to do. People can disagree with each others’ beliefs, and even the government can disapprove, they just can’t simply take those rights away from their people or something that is rightfully theirs.

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